

## **BLIZZARD 2015**

### **CODE RED #1 – SENT MONDAY 1/26/15 @ 1430 HRS**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. IT WILL ALSO BE DELIVERED VIA THE TOWN CODE RED PHONE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

THE BURRILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SENDING OUT IMPORTANT MESSAGES REGARDING THE IMPENDING BLIZZARD. THIS INITIAL MESSAGE WILL BE A LONG, BUT IMPORTANT MESSAGE. THERE MAY BE OTHER MESSAGES SENT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS STORM, AND ALL WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. IT IS CURRENTLY MONDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 26.

ALL INFORMATION IN THIS, AND ANY FOLLOWING, MESSAGES WILL BE OUTLINED ON THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE WEBSITE ([WWW.BURRILLVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.BURRILLVILLE.ORG)) AND ON THE BURRILLVILLE POLICE FACEBOOK PAGE.

THE MOST RECENT FORECAST IS CALLING FOR UPWARDS OF 36 INCHES OF SNOW AND HIGH WINDS IN OUR AREA. THE WORSE OF THIS STORM IS EXPECTED TO HIT AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

THE PARKING BAN IS ALREADY IN EFFECT FOR THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE, AND WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ANY AND ALL VEHICLES ARE PARKED SAFELY OFF OF THE ROADWAYS. VIOLATORS OF THIS PARKING BAN WILL BE TOWED.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP HAS BEEN CANCELLED COMPLETELY FOR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK. DO NOT PUT YOUR COLLECTION BINS OUT ON THE STREET. REGULAR COLLECTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY. THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY PICKUP NEED TO HOLD THEIR TRASH & RECYCLING UNTIL **NEXT WEEK**. AT THAT TIME, OVERFLOW TRASH/RECYCLING WILL BE ACCEPTED AND IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE IN TOWN OVERFLOW BAGS. AGAIN, DO NOT PUT ANY GARBAGE OR RECYCLING BINS ON THE STREET UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING.

THE HIGH WINDS EXPECTED WITH THIS STORM MAY CAUSE DOWNED LIMBS, TREES, AND WIRES. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE OR TOUCH ANY WIRES OR ANY TREE LIMBS THAT ARE CLOSE TO WIRES.** CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ELECTRIC COMPANY IF YOU SEE ANY DOWN WIRES. NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE.

AS WITH ANY MAJOR WEATHER EVENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO CLEAR YOUR YARD OF ANY LOOSE ARTICLES WHICH COULD FLY IN HEAVY WINDS YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL POWER LOSS WITH SUPPLIES OF FOOD, WATER, AND MEDICATIONS. ALSO, YOU SHOULD MONITOR WEATHER CONDITIONS ON LOCAL TV AND RADIO STATIONS. YOU SHOULD ALSO CHECK IN ON RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED, TO BE SURE THEY ARE PREPARED FOR THIS WEATHER EVENT. IF YOU ARE RELOCATING YOURSELF OR BRINGING OTHER PEOPLE TO YOUR HOME, BE SURE TO DO SO BEFORE THE START OF THIS STORM.

THE GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND HAS ALREADY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AS HAS THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE. THERE IS A STATE-WIDE DRIVING BAN AS OF MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. IN

ADDITION TO CARS AND TRUCKS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT RECREATIONAL VEHICLES SUCH AS ATVs AND SNOWMOBILES STAY OFF THE ROADWAYS AS WELL.

WARMING CENTERS WILL BE OPEN IF WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES OCCUR.

BE ASSURED THAT YOUR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS, ELECTRIC COMPANIES, TOWN OFFICIALS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO PREPARE FOR THIS STORM AND ITS AFTERMATH. THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER HAS ALREADY BEEN OPENED AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR THE DURATION OF THE STORM AND CLEANUP OPERATIONS AS NEEDED.

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY DURING THIS STORM, DIAL 911. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY PROVIDERS PRIOR TO, OR DURING THE STORM, YOU MAY CALL YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE BURRILLVILLE POLICE AT 401-568-6255, OR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR GLEN BIDDISCOMBE AT 401-641-0898.

TO REPORT A POWER OUTAGE, CONTACT EITHER PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT AT 401-568-6222, OR NATIONAL GRID AT 1-800-322-3223.

TO REITERATE KEY POINTS: NO GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICKUP TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY; THE PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT NOW AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. THE DRIVING BAN, PER THE GOVERNOR, IS IN EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT. **STAY OFF THE ROADS.** STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED TREE LIMBS/WIRES. AND, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY – CALL IF YOU NEED HELP: 911 FOR EMERGENCIES, BURRILLVILLE POLICE AT 568-6255, PASCOAG UTILITY AT 568-6222; NATIONAL GRID AT 800-322-3223.

THANK YOU. STAY SAFE.